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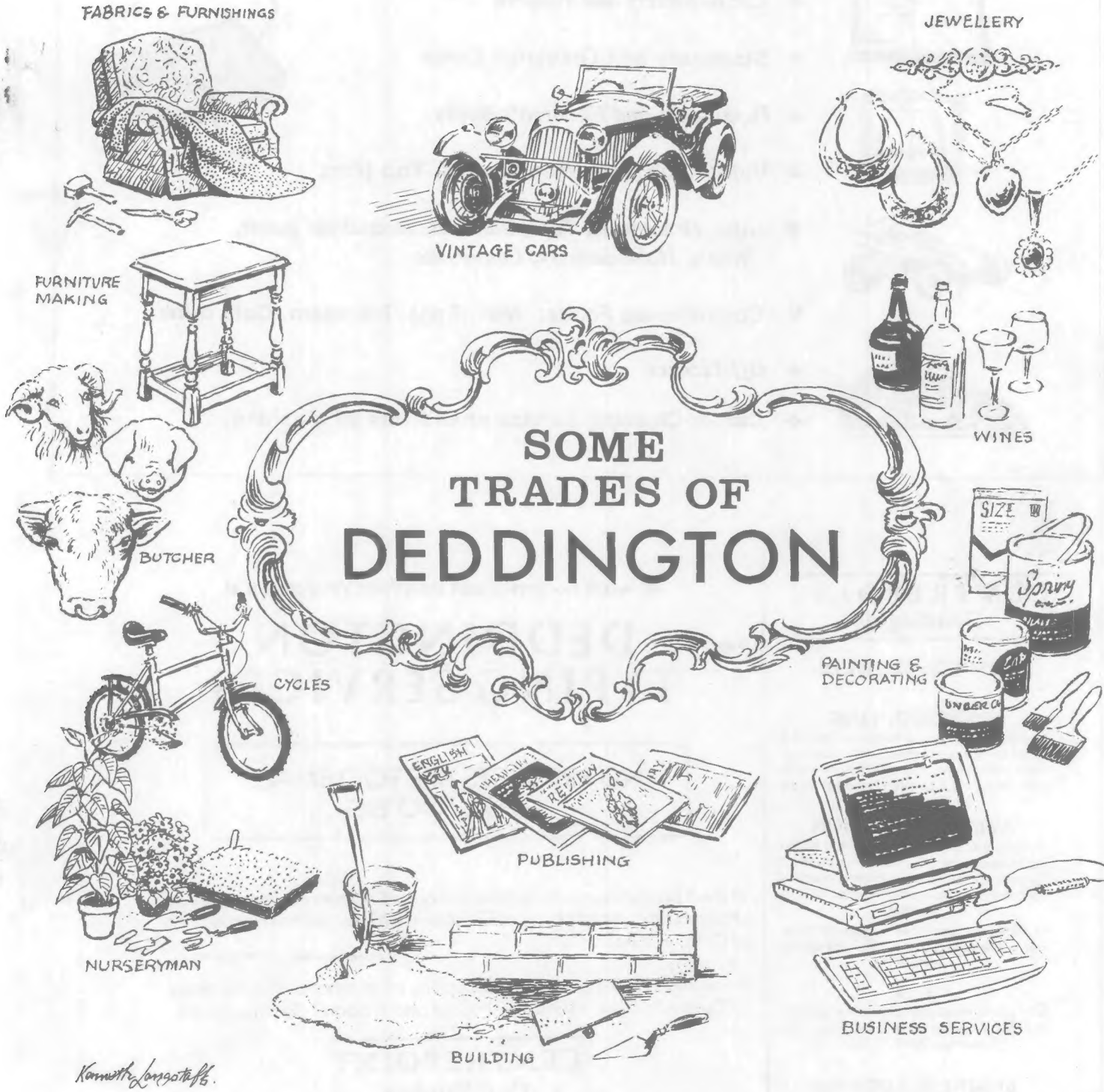

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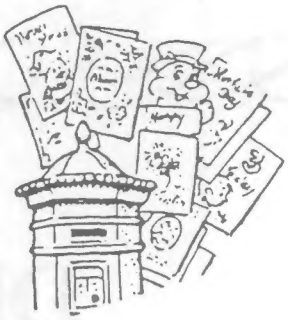

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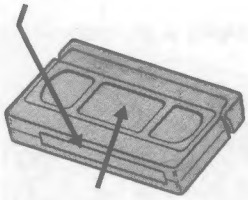

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EDITORIAL

Isn't it good to see more shops opening in Deddington's Market Place? Welcome to Horn of Plenty's Lucy Parker, and welcome back to hairdresser Steve Miller. Look for their advertisements on pages 9 and 10, alongside Clydesdale Beauty, another recent arrival. Sadly, Fleur has closed down.

In the ups and downs of the world of business, *The Deddington News* can find itself in a difficult position. We aim to pay our bills promptly and rely on our advertisers to do likewise. Most do: some do not. None of the sums owed is large, but as a voluntary, non profit-making, organisation, the magazine depends on everybody paying up, on time.

JUNE DIARY

Tue 9 WI: Cheese and Wine Open Evening, Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm
Tue 9 Visit to new Church of Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes (see MU p.6)
Wed 10 U3A: Reminiscences of Pre War Banbury - John Cheney, Windmill Cent, 2.30pm
Sat 13 Concert, Balfour Ensemble at Katherine House Hospice, 7.30pm (see page 7)
Sat 13 British Legion - *Malcolm James*
Sun 14 Children's Church lunchtime picnic in Vicarage garden
Fri 19 Brownies District Walk & Sausage Sizzle, leaving Castle House 5.45pm
Fri 19 Warriner School PTA Barn Dance
Sat 20 Hunger Lunch in support of Christian Aid, Parish Church, 12 noon-1pm (p.6)
Sun 21-Sat 27 Grove Court Artists exhibition, Art Gallery, Tuckers Store (page 10)
Tue 23 COPY DATE FOR JULY DEDDINGTON NEWS Please include August events.
Wed 24 U3A: Visit to Millets Farm Centre
Wed 24 Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm (NOTE NEW REGULAR TIME)
Wed 24 Mothers' Union Deanery Festival Evensong, Parish Church, 7.30pm (see p.6)
Sat 27 Deddington School Fete
Sun 28 Parish Church Patronal Festival (see page 6 for details)

JULY DIARY

Wed 1 Last day for submission of items for PC Extraordinary Meeting 15 July (p.3)
Sat 4 Publication of July Deddington News
Sat 4 British Legion - Race Night (in aid of the Bowls Club), 8pm
Sat 4 Duo Recital: Jonathan Beecher/Sarah Porter, Parish Church, 8pm
Mon 6 Banbury & Dist Art Soc - Illustrated talk, "Painting in India", 7.30pm
Wed 8 U3A: The National Trust - John Hart
Sun 12 Tennis Club - Finals of Club Knock-out Tournament
Wed 15 PC EXTRAORDINARY MEETING TO DISCUSS VILLAGE FUNDS, Town Hall, 7.30pm (p.3)
Sat 18 Caring for People, public exhibition, Banbury Castle Precinct, 10am-12 noon
Wed 22 U3A: Garden Party at 14 The Daedings, Deddington
Wed 22 Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm

AUGUST DIARY - NO DEDDINGTON NEWS THIS MONTH

Wed 5 U3A: Visit to Canons Ashby House
Wed 19 U3A: Visit to Hidcote
Wed 26 Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm

STOP PRESS... THE MAGNIFICENT TOTAL RAISED FROM THE DEDDINGTON PARISH GARDEN PARTY ON SATURDAY 30 MAY, IN AID OF THE PARISH CHURCH ROOF, WAS £1,431.51.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 20 MAY 1992, PARISH CHURCH, 7.30PM

(EDITORS' NOTE OF MAIN POINTS)

Dr Bill Mace, Parish Council Chairman, paid tribute to Cllrs O'Brien and Clarke for improved management of **THE WINDMILL CENTRE**, and to Joyce Minnear for her key part in running it. A master plan is in preparation to develop the Centre and its surroundings as a major asset to the community. It seems likely that a deficit of £8,000 a year will have to be met for some time to come. Negotiations are in hand to overcome legal obstacles and acquire the **POTATO FIELD** to the south of the present site. **THE TRUST FUND** is securely invested, and a number of grants have been made or committed. There is still a need for an overall **FINANCIAL STRATEGY** and this will be tackled at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council [SEE P.3]. Suggestions welcome. **LOW COST HOUSING** continues to progress slowly. Improved usage of **THE CASTLE GROUNDS** will be pursued with the District Council, as will better **FOOTPATHS. THE VILLAGE APPRAISAL** [A KIND OF AUDIT OF ASSETS - EDS] will, in time, yield valuable information about the resources of the community, and give pointers to future action. John Neild was commended for his efforts with **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**. Traffic, parking and vandalism are main problems. Mr and Mrs Walsh were thanked for donating the **ST ANNE'S BUS** which is being refurbished. **LEGAL ACTION** - the Parish Council has decided, by a majority vote, to seek Counsel's Opinion as to whether there was negligence in the transfer of land at the Windmill site in 1984/5, and will then decide whether to proceed to an action for damages. David Blakey was commended for his excellent work as **PARISH CLERK**, and all **PARISH COUNCILLORS** thanked for their support. **THE DEDDINGTON NEWS** received a pat on the back for services to the community [BLUSH! BLUSH! - EDS].

The following points were raised by parishioners.

1. No risks should be taken with parish funds when considering Counsel's opinion on the Windmill affair.
2. Restrictions on how the Trust Funds may be used should not necessarily be accepted without challenge.
3. Consideration should be given to funding a school crossing patrol - a Lollipop Lady - at the traffic lights.
4. Deddington needs public toilets and bigger rubbish bins.
5. Work on the new Bowling Green should start as a matter of urgency.

The Parish Council will consider all these points.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM, 27 MAY 1992, TOWN HALL, 7.15PM

(EDITORS' NOTE OF MAIN POINTS)

NEW CHAIRMAN Cllr Oddy **VICE-CHAIRMAN** Cllr Clinch. Both elected unopposed.
OUTGOING CHAIRMAN Cllr Mace was thanked for his two years in the Chair.
ORGANISATION After considerable discussion on how to manage the Parish Council workload, the following arrangements were agreed:

COMMITTEES

Grants - Cllrs Stevens and Todd to continue existing procedures until the review of financial strategy at the Extraordinary Meeting on 15 July [SEE PAGE 3].
Planning - Cllrs Hill, Reed, Swash and Todd, plus Cllr O'Brien if his outside commitments permit. ***Windmill*** - Cllrs O'Brien and Clarke, plus Mrs Minnear and Mrs Pleydell-Bouverie. PC Chairman and Clerk may also attend meetings.

PROJECTS

Low Cost Housing - Cllr Reed. ***Pathfinders*** - Cllrs Canning and Lee.
Village Appraisal - Cllr Mace plus Mr Marmion. ***Land Usage/Castle Grounds/Tree planting/Parking*** - Cllr Hill ***Cemetery*** - Cllr Canning ***Town Hall/Public Toilets*** - Cllr Mace. ***Allotments*** - Cllr Clinch plus Mr Ward ***Community Bus*** - Cllr Bowen
Bus Tokens - Cllrs Stevens and Swash ***Village Steward*** - Cllrs Clinch and Oddy
Post Office Users - Cllr Canning ***Highways/Traffic*** - whole Council
Legal Action - whole Council.

All the above to report back to PC meeting at earliest practicable time with action plans and budget implications.

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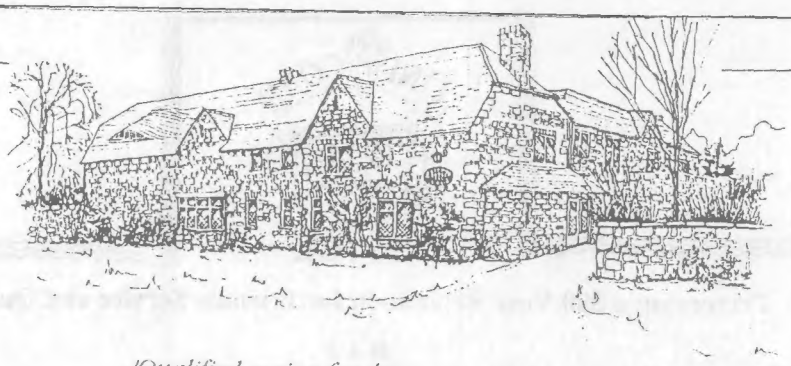

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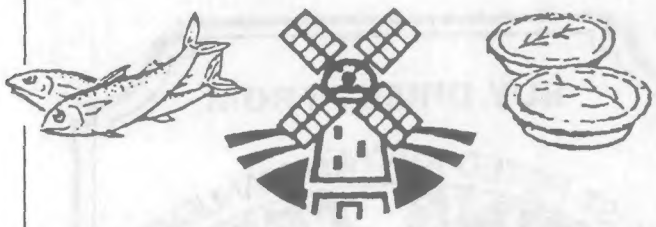

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DISTRICT PLAN PC has written to CDC commenting on proposed additions to the Cherwell Plan. **1. Land north of Earl's Lane (Spencer/Fuller)** - confine the development to a north boundary sloping from the Fire Station to Greencourts, and a south boundary on the existing building line. **2. Land south of Earl's Lane (Fuller)** - development opposed. **3. Land south of Clifton Road (O'Brien)** - development opposed.
POTATO FIELD PC solicitors advise that restrictive covenant can only be lifted if all beneficiaries agree. PC to seek agreement forthwith from CDC, Rockwell and the residents of Murdoch and Mill Closes.
FOOTBALL PC to meet DTFC to sort out misunderstandings about usage of Windmill and Castle Grounds pitches - these parish assets cannot be reserved for the exclusive use of any particular organisation.
BLUE BRICKS outside Tuckers Country Store must be relaid urgently. PC to pursue.
VERGE, NEW STREET outside Chinese Restaurant to be repaired by CDC.
THE TCHURE CDC quoted £5,000 for resurfacing. PC to contribute £1,000.
ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING PC to provide 6 new columns, and reposition one existing light, for £3,000 approx. OCC will then adopt this lighting.
ADVERTISING SIGNS PC noted a proliferation of advertising signs in the Market Place. Local businesses will be required to exercise considerable restraint.
PC MEETINGS will in future start at 7.30 pm not 7.15 pm, and will normally be held on the 4th Wednesday in the month.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS £450,000 at ten and three eighths percent until 22 June; £540,000 at nine and eleven sixteenths percent until 27 June; £17,124 at eight and one quarter per cent on one month's notice; £13,313 at six and three quarters percent overnight. Total: £1,020,437.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 1992

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 15 July, 1992, in the Town Hall at 7.30pm, which any parishioner is entitled to attend. The purpose is to agree a long-term strategy for using the 'Village Trust' funds (now more than one million pounds) to the best advantage of the whole community of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. Written suggestions for the Parish Council to consider should be with the Parish Clerk, David Blakey, 2 The Daedings, Deddington, as soon as possible and in any case not later than 1 July.

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MR A G TODD, Oak Cottage, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington		

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FROM THE EDITORS' POSTBAG

FROM: JOAN SYKES, THE PADDOCKS, DEDDINGTON
On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank all who so kindly sent cards and messages of sympathy on the death of my husband Bernard. I would like to extend my gratitude to all those friends who helped me during his stay in hospital and for the assistance at the funeral. I would also like to thank Dr Ruddock and staff at Deddington Health Centre for their care and concern. Thank you all.

FROM: DORIS WALKER, HUDSON STREET, DEDDINGTON
My family and I would like to thank all the friends and neighbours who sent lovely letters and cards when my husband, Percy, died in April. Some of you had known him many years, some not so long, but you all helped to make his life full of interest and purpose. He loved Deddington and its people.

FROM: ALASTAIR WELFORD, LEADENPORCH FARM, DEDDINGTON
Your readers may have noticed a trailer across Leadenporch Farm entrance on the Clifton Road. This was parked there for a short period of time in early April because we had been informed that potentially unwelcome guests were being evicted from their present location and were believed to be travelling our way. In fact, they drove by whilst our trailer was in position.

FROM: ALBERT HUMPHRIES, HIGH STREET, DEDDINGTON
If the so-called responsible citizens who stole a fire extinguisher on the evening of Friday 8 May and set it off whilst walking up the High Street, and then left the empty cylinder on my doorstep, would have the courage to let me know from where it was taken, perhaps I could return it to the rightful owner. Do these people not realise that fire extinguishers are installed to enable the owners or occupiers of premises to tackle a fire, should one occur, and contain it until the fire brigade arrives, or even extinguish the fire, therefore preventing loss of property or life. Perhaps someone can tell me why it is that the younger people of today expect to be treated as responsible adults and yet go round doing things like this.

FROM: ROY BERRIDGE, CHAPEL SQUARE, DEDDINGTON
I have just seen a man clearing up after his dog on the pavement in Castle Street. He had come prepared with a plastic bag and a trowel and he seemed quite cheerful about it. If he comes back this way I shall go out and thank him. I do hope he is one of the first of many prepared to suffer a little inconvenience themselves to make our streets cleaner for others.
On a similar topic, I am sure I am not the first to deplore the amount of rubbish on the pavements near the Post Office and the Acorn Stores. It also blows from there into Church Street and the rest of the Market Place. It badly mars what is otherwise quite a well kept village. [WHAT ABOUT 'BEST KEPT' VILLAGE? - EDS]
Sadly, it is all too evident that it is unrealistic to expect everyone to respect the anti-litter rules. It seems to me that the only workable solution is to persuade our Parish Council to use some of its substantial funds to employ a street cleaner. I wonder how many others would agree. [WE MAY SEE SOME ACTION ON THIS SOON - EDS]

THE EDITORS have received a letter expressing the writer's disgust that dogs are allowed - indeed, encouraged - to run wild in the churchyard. An offending owner is named. Because the letter is anonymous, we cannot consider publishing it: but we have passed the information on to the appropriate authorities.

KEN GRIFFIN, OF WYCHWAY HOUSE, DEDDINGTON, wrote on the same point, quoting a notice he had seen at the entrance to a churchyard in Wales, *THIS GROUND IS SACRED TO THE DEPARTED. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOG OUTSIDE.* He asks whether the Dog Warden shouldn't be called in, to deal with Deddington's problems.

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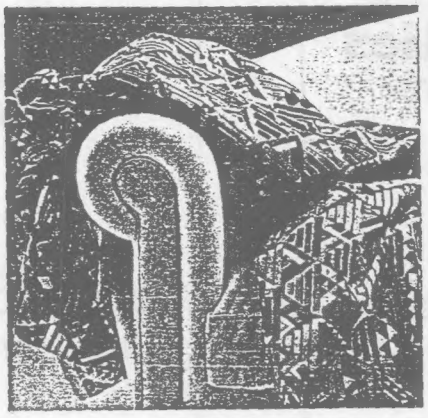

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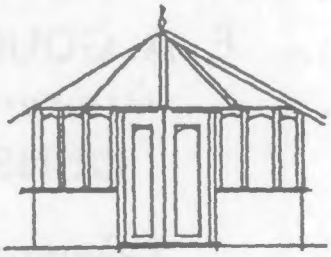

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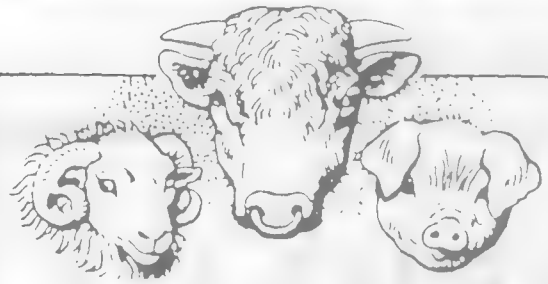

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- that is how Captain E B W Johnson MC describes his book *ISLAND PRIZE*, a tale of the battle of Leros, 1943, by one who was there as a subaltern in the 2nd Bn The Royal Irish Fusiliers. Ted Johnson writes with the accuracy and directness of the professional soldier he used to be, and the candour and reticence of the remarkable man he still is. His aim was "to try and throw a little light on the happenings of C Company of the 2nd Faughs from the time we left Malta in June '43 until we ceased to exist". His clear description of that hard fought and chaotic action certainly does that. It is realistic, full of fascinating technical detail and enlivened with touches of dry humour. Underlying everything is his compassion: "..there were too many good men on both sides killed for it to be a forgotten event...such a waste of life and equipment cannot be written off..." Ted's high regard for his own soldiers - warriors, he calls them - and the men of the Royal Navy is complemented by his respect for the victorious German forces and his concern for the devastated Greek civilian population. In spite of his modesty, Ted Johnson's own sterling conduct in the "unfortunate and badly conceived operation" speaks for itself.

ISLAND PRIZE, by Edward B W Johnson MC, is published by The Kemble Press. £5.50.

THE EYE OF THE ARTIST

Oxfordshire's Artweek lasted a fortnight in Deddington, where Annabelle Gregory and Jolyon Stringer held a joint exhibition of collages, paintings and drawings. Both are professionally trained and very competent: otherwise there were few similarities. Annabelle's handful of figure studies in pastel were attractive and well-observed. You could see how she faced up to problems and drew her way towards solutions. But what held my attention were her pictures of cabbages, cauliflowers and odd corners. Lively, idiosyncratic, with good colour, strong form and interesting texture, they were made of little bits of paper, torn from magazine pages and stuck down freehand. Yet it is not on this collage technique, unusual and well-executed as it is, that her stature depends, but on a much rarer and instantly recognisable quality, the eye of the artist. I wanted to see much more of her work. Whereas I could have done with a bit less of Jolyon's. Not that it was bad - far from it - but I got the impression that every unsold work he had ever done was on show. Charcoal drawings and figure studies: watercolour landscapes (boxes full of those): sizeable pictures and titchy little ones: some the equivalent of holiday snaps, others turned into bargain sets of postcards - the quality was bound to be variable. At its best his work was confident, convincing and well-crafted, but quite a lot was formulaic, not to say repetitive, with not enough evidence of that elusive, all-important, eye of the artist.

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SCHOOL NEWS - WARRINER PTA

The **Quiz Night** on 9 May was not as well supported as last year's event but all who went had an enjoyable evening. [OUR APOLOGIES TO WARRINER PTA FOR OMITTING THEIR ITEM FROM THE MAY ISSUE - EDS] The **Workshop on Bullying** was well attended and parents found it very helpful. **Tesco Computer Vouchers** - more on this later.

BARN DANCE ON FRIDAY 19 JUNE. THIS POPULAR FAMILY EVENT WILL AGAIN TAKE PLACE AT SHENNINGTON. MUSIC BY THE HOOKEY BAND. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SOON. LET'S HOPE THE MONSOON SEASON WILL BE OVER BY THEN.

JANET BOND 38351

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PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 7 June	10.30am	PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY Family Service and Holy Communion
Wed 10	10am	Holy Communion
Sun 14	10.30am	TRINITY SUNDAY Sung Eucharist (Special Preacher: David Norwood, Children's Society Organiser for Oxfordshire)
Wed 17	10am	Holy Communion
Sun 21	8 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am	Sung Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
Wed 24	10am	Holy Communion followed by laying-on-of-hands and anointing for healing.
	7.30pm	Deanery Mothers' Union Festival Evensong
Sun 28	ST PETER AND ST PAUL PATRONAL FESTIVAL	
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Special Preacher: The Revd Adrian Gabb-Jones, Vicar of Minster Lovell and Brize Norton)
Wed 1 July	10am	Holy Communion
Sun 5	10.30am	Family Service followed by Holy Communion

ST JOHN HEMPTON SERVICES

Sun 7 June	9am	PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY Eucharist
Sun 21	9am	Eucharist
Sun 28	6pm	Sung Evensong
Sun 5 July	9am	Eucharist

HUNGER LUNCH On Saturday 20 June, 12 noon-1pm in Deddington Parish Church, a 'hunger lunch' will be held in support of Christian Aid. The suggestion for this arose from the Lent House Group meetings. All are welcome to come for a meal of bread and cheese and a drink. It is hoped people will donate the cost of a more generous meal to Christian Aid.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL We hope a good number from Clifton, Deddington and Hempton will attend the Eucharist at 10.30am on Sunday 28 June when we shall commemorate our patron saints Peter and Paul.

MOTHERS' UNION Deddington Branch will host the Deanery Festival Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 24 June, the feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist. This service is open to all men and women who would like to attend. Members of the Church will be visiting the new Church of Christ the Cornerstone in Milton Keynes on Tuesday 9 June, leaving Deddington at 10.30am. If you would like to go, contact Mrs Jean Welford (38539).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Members of the Children's Church will picnic in the Vicarage Garden after Church on Sunday morning, 14 June.

HOLY LAND VISIT The Vicar will be leading a group on a visit to the Holy Land 13-20 February 1993. About half the time will be spent in Jerusalem and surrounding country and half in Galilee. Cost will be approx £550. This is a journey of a lifetime! If you are interested and would like further details, please contact the Vicar as soon as possible (Tel: 38329).

VISIT TO DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES The Choir, bell-ringers and a number of members of the congregation of the Parish Church visited Dorchester Abbey for Evensong on 3 May. We were made welcome and received generous hospitality. We are looking forward to Dorchester's Choir, bell-ringers and members of the congregation visiting our Church for a special Harvest Festival Evensong on 20 September at 6 pm

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: 24 May in Deddington Church SAVANNAH LEE McDONOUGH & JADE LEANNE SIKLODI.

Weddings: 16 May in Deddington Church PAUL DAVID ALAN WATSON and LOUISE WOODWARD.
23 May in Deddington Church DAVID CHRISTOPHER BIRD and SALLY JANE MORTIMER.

Funerals: 24 April in Deddington Church and Oxford Crematorium MRS CECILE ABERNETHY, aged 88 years. Cecile, the mother of Jean Welford, was well-known in this parish, although she never lived here. She was born in Evenley, Northants. She married Philip in 1922 and for 25 years they lived and farmed in Aynho.

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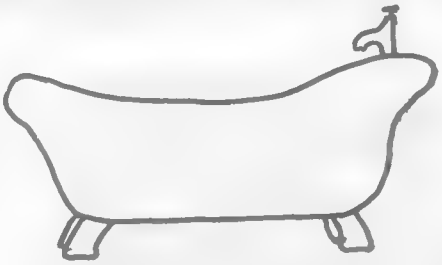

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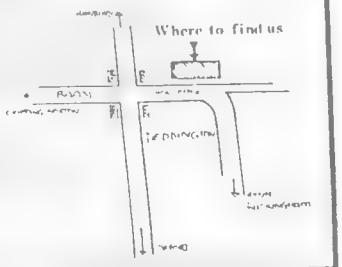

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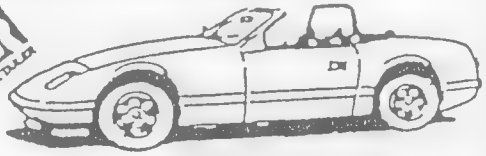

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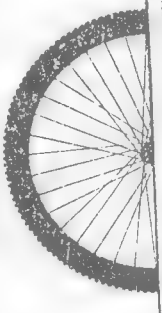

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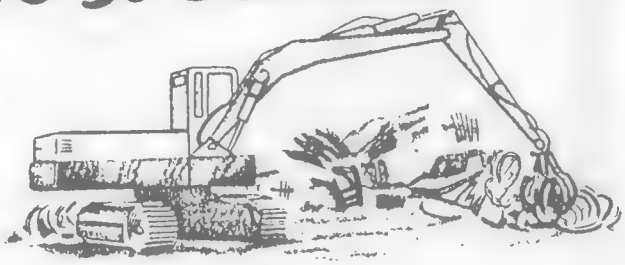

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They had four children. When Philip retired, Cecile and he moved to Brackley. Cecile had a marvellous sense of humour and was always ready to show love and concern for others. During the War, for example, she regularly offered hospitality to soldiers or airmen or their partners. She will be much missed.
1 May in Deddington Church and Oxford Crematorium BERNARD JAMES WILLIAM SYKES, aged 70 years. Bernard was born in a house in Market Square and lived in Deddington all his life. When he left school he worked first for Hopcraft Builders, then in Wells's drapery shop, then on various building sites and for over 20 years, until he retired in 1986, for Rogers Builders of Banbury. In the war he served in ground crew in the RAF. He married Joan in 1946 and they had two sons, Colin and Stephen. For over 50 years Bernard was a bellringer at the Parish Church, He was for a period Treasurer of the local Horticultural Club and he attended and exhibited at village flower shows. He enjoyed soccer and was Treasurer of the local Football Club. He was a member of the British Legion. Bernard loved to attend steam fairs and was active in village fetes and fairs. He too will be much missed.

KEN REEVES Vicar 38329

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SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am The first Sunday is Communion
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PASTOR ISABEL WALTON 0926 640806

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE 1991 For the first time Deddington topped the league table of 13 Oxfordshire Deaneries. Oxfordshire's total was over £73,000, £12,000 more than in 1990. Deddington Deanery's share was £8,949, compared with £5,443 in 1990. This year's ride is on Saturday, 12 September.

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THE WAY WE WERE

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO by Buffy Heywood

The Rev Cotton Risley had been Curate of Souldern before becoming Vicar of Deddington, and during June 1842 he returns there to preach. Many people in Deddington still talk of Wells's shop (now Deddington Salerooms), and mention is made of him this month. School reports don't seem to change too much!

6TH JUNE - Mr Turner [the Doctor] came to pull one of poor Johnny's teeth out, he behaved like a man when his tooth was drawn, I held his head.

13TH JUNE - Committed a man to prison for three weeks for breaking the cage, wherein he was confined for being drunk on Sunday morning and ringing my house door bell - damage to the cage amounted to 5/-d. [HIS SENTENCE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MUCH LIGHTER IF HE HADN'T RUNG COTTON RISLEY'S DOORBELL - EDS] Prevented the exhibition of the murder of Daniel Good, lately executed in London, in a travelling caravan - stopping in the town for the night.

16TH JUNE - Called on the Warden of New College on reaching Oxford, who was gone to Town as one of the Deputation to present an Address to the Queen on her recent escape from assassination.

18TH JUNE - London. Went with Holford and Willy to meet our darling Betsie at the station. On reaching Oxford I took them down to New College and gave them a dinner in the Exchequers - after which we left Oxford in a fly from the Angel and arrived home about 7 o'clock - much to the delight of their dearest Mother.

19TH JUNE - I went to Souldern to preach a sermon towards defraying the expenses of repairing and enlarging their organ. The Church was crowded to overflowing by my old parishioners. Our congregations at Deddington were good considering the weather, and many were absent on duty at Chipping Norton with the Yeomanry.

22ND JUNE - The bell tolled for Wells's child, the shopkeeper.

30TH JUNE - I received Wickham's character of the boys and their bills - their conduct had been very good - their scholarship might have been better.

DEDDINGTON MUSEUM - progress report by Bill Hunt

Buffy Heywood has donated a document which makes an offer to rent one of Deddington's more important properties many years ago. This document reveals not only how prices have changed over the years but also how methods have changed. It appears to have used the fewest possible words whereas a modern day tenancy agreement usually necessitates a lawyer to interpret it. A photograph of Bill and Jo Mace's house in the Bull Ring has come to the Museum in quite a roundabout way. Mr George Freeston, who lives at Blisworth in Northants, addressed it to The Postmaster, Deddington, Banbury. Fortunately the staff at the Post Office recognised the photograph as being of the property now known as The Three Horseshoes and passed it on to the Maces who thanked Mr Freeston and passed it on to Deddington Museum. Since the photograph was taken there have been many changes to the property and there is some indication that in addition to being a public house it was used for the sale of furniture. Perhaps your readers will be able to elaborate on this aspect.

The following are now actively engaged in all matters connected with the museum - Daphne Canning, John Cheney, Buffy Heywood, David Hood, Bill Hunt, Joe Mace, Bob Stevens and Norman Stone. Much preparatory work is under way and it is hoped to report in detail in the near future.

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS In the two months since I last put pen to paper, it has been fairly quiet, with 28 calls - 9 chimney fires, 1 kitchen fire, 1 road traffic accident, 1 car fire, 1 barn fire, 7 false alarms with good intent, 5 false alarms on automatic systems, 1 false alarm malicious, and 2 calls to stand by at other fire stations. This brings the total so far this year to 84, slightly down on last year.

TRAINING Paul Pontefract has recently passed his 7 months probation test and Simon Cook will shortly be taking his 23 months test.

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PS Amanda Gray is also exhibiting her new 'tissue sculptures' by special invitation.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 38186

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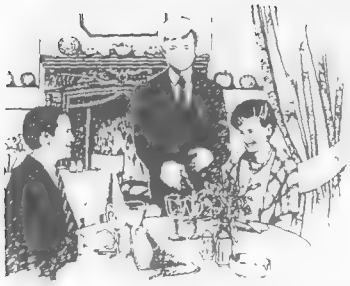

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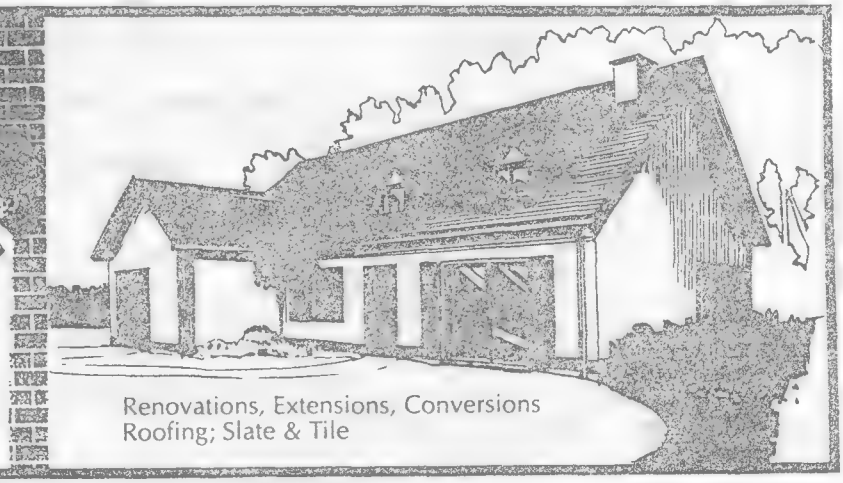

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CALLING ALL CLUBS - - - Part 1

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

Thanks to the hospitality of our friends at neighbouring clubs we are able to go on playing matches. We are especially grateful to Middle Barton, where we are invited to roll up on Wednesday evenings. Thanks also to Monty we are still able to use a couple of lanes for the time being at Earl's Lane for roll-ups. Our match results so far are 2 won and 3 lost. The Cake Stall on 16 May raised £122.47. Many thanks to the members and the people of Deddington who supported us.

A 'Race Night' has been organised for Saturday, 4 July, 8pm at the British Legion Club. Members please note that the match with Shipston Engineering on 11 July will now be played on 19 September. This is a "Home" match to be played at Shipston.

We were saddened at the death of Percy Walker, a long standing and very good member of Deddington Bowls Club. Percy was born at Hornton and came to Deddington when he was 15. He and his father lodged at Mr Deely's. Fred and Percy became friends and most Saturdays went out shooting together, although his great love was Bowls. Our sympathy goes to Doris Walker and family.

EDNA SEWELL 38668

DEDDINGTON SINGERS

In April we had a splendid evening when guests joined us for seasonal Spring songs. We had a visiting soloist, Mr John Cheney, who entertained us with a selection of Noel Coward songs and a topical number he had written about Deddington. This was very amusing. We will shortly be closing for the summer but in the autumn we would welcome new members. For further information of our activities kindly ring me, or Irene Reynolds on 38297.

BETTY CAPORN 38402

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

There was a change of programme in April. At the last moment the Rev Ken Reeves stepped in to tell the members about his recent visit to Russia. He gave us a very interesting insight into the lives of ordinary people over there and the deprivation they suffer as they struggle to feed their families. That part of the world is changing fast and one hopes that a little more stability can be brought to the Russian people. Mr Albert Fox gave a very enlightened and informative talk about the weather, a subject which has been his life-long hobby. He has his own weather station and can make predictions. He showed members several instruments used in recording the weather and explained how to interpret the results.
On 2 September we will be holding an Open Day for anyone who would like to come along and see just what the U3A is and does. Please make a note in your diary of this date. We would like to see as many people as possible.
The summer programme is now organised and includes many items of interest. Please refer to the Deddington News Diary, and if you would like more information, please phone me.

MARGARET LAIDLAW 38101

DEDDINGTON WI

Our last meeting was mainly concerned with the Resolutions for the National Meeting which takes place in Bournemouth this year. These meetings will be in different parts of the country each year. The big Triennial Meeting will be in Birmingham again. The resolutions this time seemed more difficult than usual, and it was hard for an ordinary group of women like us to make any sensible contribution to such complicated issues as patenting the results of research into new lifeforms, and research into endometriosis. The County Chairman, Mrs Barbara Gray, came to help us discuss things, but most of our members told me afterwards that they felt out of their depth. On to less complicated matters. We look forward to an Open Evening for Guests, a Cheese and Wine party to be held on Tuesday, 9 June at 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club. Members, please bring a friend. Mrs Gray will tell us about the aims and work of the WI.

MARIANNE ELSLEY, PRESIDENT 38251

CALLING ALL CLUBS - - - Part 2

DEDDINGTON CUBS

Since our last report we took part in the National Scout Tea Party on 9 May - if this does not get the record as the biggest it should certainly get the record as the wettest! 111 brave people joined us in the Market Place and helped to raise £130 for the Promise appeal. Many thanks to all who supported us on the day as well as those who sent donations. The following weekend we had much better weather when some of the Cubs went to Horley for the District Cubs Activity Day, an afternoon of learning through fun and games. The lads did not even realise that it was learning. Next month - Deluge at Youlbery and District Cub Camp at Horley. RON DOOLE 38113

DEDDINGTON SCOUT AND GUIDE GROUP

At the AGM of the Deddington Scout and Guide Group held on 18 May the parents committee (called The Group Executive) was re-constituted. It now consists of Paul Broadgate, Stuart Crighton, Mick Merrick, Dave Morris, Michael Scott and Graeme Walker. They will be helping the leaders by taking care of Group administration, finance, fundraising etc. If there is anyone who was unable to come to the AGM but wishes to help, please contact me or any of the leaders for information.

RON DOOLE 38113

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By popular demand we have another mind-blowing quiz for you. The format is as before with each number representing the answer or a major part of the answer. Once again the answers are well known (and not so well known) dates, words or phrases from literary, artistic or sporting sources and other common statements. Just £1 for your copy with 90 questions to answer. Get them from Peter Blackburn or Terry Clinch and return your answers to them by 30 September. So you have lots of time. Here are a couple of examples to get you thinking in the right way:

147 = M B at S
answer: Maximum break at Snooker

1912 = S of the T
answer: Sinking of the Titanic

Winners' names will be announced at the Club dinner in October.

On a sadder note - who would believe that within 10 days of receiving our new £700 sightscreeen some mindless individuals would seriously vandalise it? I wonder what pleasure they got and whether they have any sense of guilt? Should anyone have any information on who did it, please let Dave Keats or me know. It would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday Fixtures - 2.30pm			**Sunday Fixtures** - 2.30pm	
13 June	v Claydon	Away	14 June v Tackley	Away
20 June	v Sibford	Away	Sat 27 June v W.Som Feckless Acolytes	Away
27 June	BYE		28 June v Timberscombe	Away
4 July	v Sibford	Home	5 July v Nether Heyford	Home

TERRY CLINCH, SECRETARY, 38711

DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The Club has completed its first month successfully with a current membership of over 50 young people. The aim of the club is to provide an interest for the youngsters and for it to be run by them, with support from the organisers. Although we are fortunate at the moment to have a keen body of adult supporters (parents), anyone willing to devote a little of their time to us will be welcomed with open arms. Volunteers please come and join us at the Windmill Centre any Monday evening between 7-9 pm, or contact one of us for further details.

TONY LOWE 37108, LES LANE 38900

KARATE

On Sunday 17 May three students from TOH-KON Karate Club, now based at Spiceball Park, went to Northampton for a Karate competition. They are Martin Bliss, Alan Blythe and Daniel Keys. Daniel, despite fighting well, was unlucky in not achieving his usual level of success. Alan did very well for his first competition, finishing 6th out of 36. Martin came 4th, beating a Black Belt, but just missed out on a medal.

ALAN BLYTHE (38126) and MARTIN BLISS

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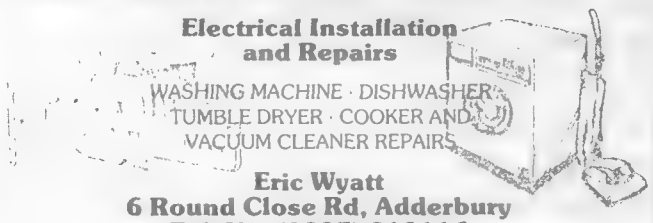

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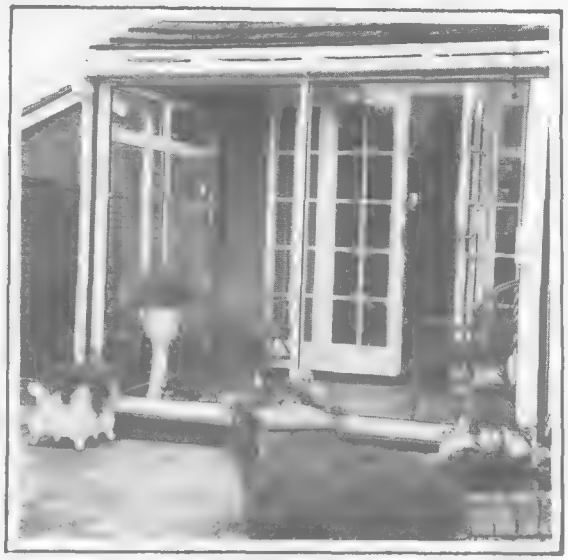

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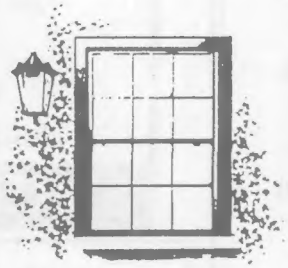

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